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750 Interments Completed at Kentucky's First State Veterans Cemetery

Total Includes 604 Veterans, 7 KIA From Iraq

(HOPKINSVILLE, KY, December 17, 2007) Today, Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West performed its 750th interment since opening in March 2004.

“We are deeply honored that these veterans and their families have chosen Kentucky’s state veterans cemetery for their final resting place,” said Les Beavers, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA.) “All of us at KDVA are proud that we are able to provide our veterans with a sacred place of honor and dignity.”

The 750th interment is the wife of a Vietnam War veteran who is deceased and already buried at the cemetery. She joins 604 veterans, 128 dependent spouses and 18 dependent children at the cemetery.

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West (KVCW) mainly serves veterans from a 75-mile radius of the cemetery, including parts of Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois and Indiana. KVCW also serves as the Active Duty cemetery for soldiers and their dependents serving at nearby Fort Campbell.

The cemetery is the final resting place for seven active duty soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice during the war in Iraq, three active duty soldiers who were not deployed at the time of their passing, one who died while serving in Vietnam and was later moved to KVCW, and one who died in the 1985 Air Arrow crash in Gander, Newfoundland after completing a peacekeeping mission in the Sinai Desert and was later moved to KVCW.

When fully developed, the cemetery will contain more than 28,500 burial plots and columbarium wall niches for cremated remains. KDVA has planned the cemetery to continue interring veterans for approximately 80 years. Cemetery services include a furnished grave or columbarium space, an optional grave liner, opening and closing of gravesites, supply and installation of suitable headstones or markers, and perpetual care for the entire facility. These services are provided at no cost to veterans as a benefit that is well earned.

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West is located just south of Hopkinsville at 5817 Fort Campbell Boulevard (US Highway 41A) at mile marker 11. You may call the cemetery directly at (270) 889-6106 for further information.